

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A pet chew toy, comprising:

(a) a relatively hard and tough outer shell formed of multiple layers of dried and shaped ~~animal~~ pork skin; and

(b) a relatively soft flavored and scented meat product encapsulated within said outer shell, and promoting aggressive sustained chewing of said toy to exercise the jaws of the pet and clean its teeth and gums.

2. (original) A pet chew toy according to claim 1, and comprising a flavored coating applied to said outer shell to enhance the taste of said toy.

3. (original) A pet chew toy according to claim 2, wherein said flavored coating comprises a meat digest.

4. (cancelled).

5. (currently amended) A pet chew toy according to claim ~~4~~1, wherein said pork skin has less than 10 percent fat by weight.

6. (original) A pet chew toy according to claim 5, wherein said pork skin comprises a flavor additive.

7. (currently amended) A pet chew toy according to claim 6, wherein said ~~favor~~ flavor additive comprises a synthetic sweetener.

8. (original) A pet chew toy according to claim 1, wherein said meat product comprises jerky.

9. (currently amended) A pet chew toy according to claim 8, wherein the weight ratio of said jerky to said outer shell is between 5 and 15 percent jerky to between 85 and 95 percent outer shell ~~by weight~~.

10. (original) A pet chew toy according to claim 9, wherein said jerky includes beef tripe.

11. (currently amended) A pet chew toy, comprising:

(a) a relatively hard and tough outer shell formed of multiple layers of dried and shaped pork skin;

(b) a relatively soft flavored and scented meat product encapsulated within said outer shell, and promoting aggressive sustained chewing of said toy to exercise the jaws of the pet and clean its teeth and gums, the weight ratio of said meat product to said outer

shell being between 5 and 15 percent meat product to between 85 and 95 percent outer shell by weight; and

(c) a flavored coating applied to said outer shell to enhance the taste of said chew toy.

12. (original) A pet chew toy according to claim 11, wherein said flavored coating comprises a meat digest.

13. (cancelled).

14. (currently amended) A pet chew toy according to claim ~~13~~ 11, wherein said pork skin has less than 10 percent fat by weight.

15. (original) A pet chew toy according to claim 14, wherein said pork skin comprises a flavor additive.

16. (currently amended) A pet chew toy according to claim 15, wherein said ~~favor~~ flavor additive comprises a synthetic sweetener.

17. (original) A pet chew toy according to claim 11, wherein said meat product comprises jerky.

18. (original) A pet chew toy according to claim 17, wherein said jerky includes beef tripe.